



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Jay T. Downen, Treasurer
Montana Action Committee for
Rural Electrification
P.O. Box 1306
Great Falls, MT 59403

MAY 7 1997

Identification Number: C00139360

Reference: Year End Report (10/16/96-12/31/96)

Dear Mr. Downen:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Please provide the totals for Lines 8 and 1(a)(iii), Column A of the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages. Note that changes in your figures may affect your Column B totals on this report and/or on subsequent reports.

-You must make an attempt to obtain the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for all individuals who contribute more than \$200 in a calendar year. Please amend your report to include the omitted information:

No individual contributed \$200 or more in the calendar year.

A committee may demonstrate "best efforts" to obtain the required information by providing the Commission with a description of its procedures for requesting the information and may also supply a copy of a solicitation; the committee must request the contributor information in initial solicitations; make follow-up requests (if necessary); report the information; and file amendments to disclose previously unreported information. Each solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the information. If a committee receives a contribution that exceeds the

\$200 threshold but lacks contributor information, the committee must, within 30 days, make an additional written or oral request for the information. Please note that a written request may not include an additional solicitation or material on any other subject, other than thanking the contributor for the donation and must include a pre-addressed return post card or envelope for the contributor's response. An oral request must be documented in writing. Committees must also disclose information that was not provided by the contributor, but is available in any of the committee's records for that current election cycle. Furthermore, if a committee receives contributor information after the contributions have been reported, it must submit, with its next report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received or filed on or before the next reporting date, amendments to the previous reports on which the contributions were originally disclosed. See 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i) and 11 CFR §104.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,



J.P. Endre, Jr.
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

* For Other Than An Authorized Committee

(Summary Page)

USE FEC MAILING LABEL
OR
TYPE OR PRINT

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) <i>Montana Action Committee for Rural Electrification</i>	
ADDRESS (number and street) <i>Box 1306</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported
CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE <i>Great Falls, MT 59403</i>	
2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER <i>C00139360</i>	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> This committee has qualified as a multicandidate committee. (see FEC FORM 1M)	

4. TYPE OF REPORT

- (a) April 15 Quarterly Report
 July 15 Quarterly Report
 October 15 Quarterly Report
 January 31 Year End Report
 July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-election Year Only)

 Termination Report(b) Is this Report an Amendment? YES NO

Monthly Report Due On:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> February 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> October 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> November 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> August 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> December 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> September 20 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> January 31 |

- Twentieth day report preceding _____ (Type of Election)
 election on _____ in the State of _____
 Twentieth day report following the General Election on _____ In the State of _____

SUMMARY	COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
5. Covering Period <u>16 Oct 96</u> through <u>31 Dec 96</u>		\$ <u>19267.78</u>
6. (a) Cash on Hand January 1, 19 <u>96</u>	\$ <u>15527.78</u>	
(b) Cash on Hand at Beginning of Reporting Period	\$ <u>1255.78</u>	\$ <u>5150.00</u>
(c) Total Receipts (from Line 5b)	\$ <u>16782.78</u>	\$ <u>24417.78</u>
(d) Subtotal (add Lines 6(b) and 8(c) for Column A and Lines 6(a) and 8(d) for Column B)	\$ <u>1193.00</u>	\$ <u>8828.78</u>
7. Total Disbursements (from Line 3D)	\$ <u>15589.78</u>	\$ <u>15589.78</u>
8. Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (subtract Line 7 from Line 6(b))	\$	
9. Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	\$	For further information contact: Federal Election Commission 933 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20589 Toll Free 800-424-9530 Local 202-219-3420
10. Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	\$	

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

DAVID M WHEELHAN

Date

Signature of Treasurer

*David M. Wheelhan**3 Jan 97*

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

FEC FORM 3X

(Revised 5/93)

DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE
OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 PAGE 2, FEC FORM 3

(revised 1/1/91)

NAME OF COMMITTEE	REPORT COVERING PERIOD	
	COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year
<i>Montana ACPE</i>	FROM 16 Oct 96 TO 31 Dec 96	
I. Receipts		
11. Contributions (other than loans) From:		
a. Individual Persons Other Than Political Committees		
i. Itemized (use Schedule A) <i>Donations returned</i>	460.00	460.00
ii. Unitemized <i>Membership / Raffle</i>	793.00	469.00
iii. Total	12.53	515.00
b. Political Party Committees		
c. Other Political Committees (such as PACs)		
d. Total Contributions	12.55	515.00
12. Transfers From Affiliated/Other Party Committees		
13. All Loans Received		
14. Loan Repayments Received		
15. Offsets To Operating Expenditures (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)		
16. Refunds of Contributions Made to Federal Candidates and Other Political Committees		
17. Other Federal Receipts (Dividends, Interest, etc.)		
18. Transfers from Nonfederal Account for Joint Activity		
19. Total Receipts	12.55	515.00
20. Total Federal Receipts	12.55	515.00
II. Disbursements		
21. Operating Expenditures:		
a. Shared Federal/Non-Federal Activity (from Schedule H4)		
i. Federal Share		
ii. Non-Federal Share		
b. Other Federal Operating Expenditures		
c. Total Operating Expenditures	535.00	1980.00
22. Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees		
23. Contributions to Federal Candidates/Committees and Other Political Committees		
24. Independent Expenditures (use Schedule E)		
25. Coordinated Expenditures Made by Party Committees (2 U.S.C. 44ie(d)) (use Schedule F)		
26. Loan Repayments Made		
27. Loans Made		
28. Refunds of Contributions To:		
a. Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees		
b. Political Party Committees		
c. Other Political Committees (such as PACs)		
d. Total Contribution Refunds	658.00	6848.00
29. Other Disbursements	1193.00	8828.00
30. Total Disbursements	1193.00	8828.00
31. Total Federal Disbursements	1193.00	8828.00
III. Net Contributions/Operating Expenditures		
32. Total Contributions (other than loans) (from line 11d)		
33. Total Contribution Refunds (from line 28d)		
34. Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract line 33 from 32)		
35. Total Federal Operating Expenditures (add 21a and 21)		
36. Total Net Operating Expenditures (from line 34)		
37. Total Net Disbursements (from line 35 minus line 36)		

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